

April 11th - Divine Mercy Sunday



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 10

9:00am † *Rufino Labari*

Sunday, April 11

10:00am † *Robert Gnalizda*
12:00pm

Monday, April 12

9:00am † *Albert & Michael
Gragrani*

Tuesday, April 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

Wednesday, April 14

9:00am *YMI Brothers*

Thursday, April 15

9:00am *Knights of Columbus*

Friday, April 16

9:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thran*

Saturday, April 17

9:00am
4:30pm † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

Today's second collection is for the **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal as of April 7, 2021**

Parish Assessment \$ 33,576.00
YTD we paid: \$ 5,691.00
Balance we owe: \$ 27,885.00

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

From the Desk of the Pastor

St. John's gospel begins by telling us that the apostles were frightened and had gathered, in an upper room with locked doors. There is an element of fear and anguish. How do you think Peter and his friends felt having deserted and denied Jesus during his Passion? ... It must have been a pretty tense and embarrassing moment....Jesus breaks into the story slowly.

The Resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit both take place on 'the first day of the week.' Jesus appears in the room and gently offers them peace. The Risen Jesus 'breathed on them' as he conferred the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The book of Genesis recounts the story of creation, where the breath of God is described as a life-force that hovered over the waters of the primordial chaos. In the scene described in the Gospel today, that same breath of God comes upon the interior chaos of frightened disciples hiding out in the upper room. There is certainly excitement, relief, joy, and tears of conciliation and understanding as the miracle continues to unfold and make sense. Jesus breathes new life into them and brings 'shalom', peace, upon them and all the earth. Thomas answered and said, 'My lord and My God'

He commissioned the Apostles to go out and tell the story of His resurrection and the Good news he brought to the world. Many people believed the words, signs, and wonders of Jesus' followers. Together they broke bread, prayed, shared faith filled stories and supported one another. Many sold their possessions and used the proceeds to help the less fortunate.

As the concluding words of today's Gospel indicate, this story is told for us, to bring us to faith in Jesus as Risen Lord so that "through this belief you may life in his name".

And guess what, unbelievably, there was this subtle and a dramatic change brought about in them: these weak men turned into passionate preachers, teachers, healers, and martyrs for their Lord.

EASTER SEASON - PENTECOST

We have from now until Pentecost to celebrate different aspects of the Paschal mystery. It is amazing to find how much more there is to learn about our faith and our liturgy. We embark upon a faith filled journey to celebrate God's love for us and our love for God and our hope in his promises.

There are obvious differences in worship during this Easter season. The Church presents the Easter Candle lit in the sanctuary, (New candle lit from the new fire blessed at Easter Vigil), the priests and deacons vest in white throughout this season to resemble the new ness that Jesus has brought about in our lives. The first reading, which almost always is taken from the Old Testament for the rest of the year, comes from the New Testament, from the Acts of the Apostles. The Church directs us to reflect on the beginnings of the Early Church, through 'Acts of the Apostles'.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday masses are celebrated at 10am in English and 12noon en espanol

Additionally, the Sunday Mass is video streamed and made available on YouTube. It is posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access and pray the mass at <https://www.saintjohnevangelist.org/>

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615, who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2021:Children preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist (enrolled in the First Holy Communion Class 2021, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, **April 17, 2021 at 10am.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2021 :The parents of the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, November 21, 2020, may request the First Holy Communion certificates for their children by calling the Parish office at 415-334-4646 on Mondays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Bulletin Upon request, the Parish office will inform them when these certificates will be ready for pickup.

From Doubt to Belief...The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.